

OPINION 2159 (Case 3072)***Crioceris* Geoffroy, 1762, *Lilioceris* Reitter, 1912 and other genus-group names with the suffix *-ceris* in the family CHRYSOMELIDAE (Insecta, Coleoptera): Official Correction of gender to feminine**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the gender of the names of two economically important genera of beetles recognized as crop pests, *Crioceris* Geoffroy, 1762 and *Lilioceris* Reitter, 1912, and other genus-group names with the suffix *-ceris* in the family CHRYSOMELIDAE are fixed as feminine.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; CHRYSOMELIDAE; *Crioceris*; *Crioceris asparagi*; *Lilioceris*; *Lilioceris lili*; beetles; crop pests.

Ruling

- (1) It is hereby ruled that the gender of generic names in the family CHRYSOMELIDAE ending with the suffix *-ceris* are feminine.
- (2) The entries on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology for the following names are hereby emended to record that their gender is feminine:
 - (a) *Crioceris* Geoffroy, 1762 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by the Commission *Chrysomela asparagi* Linnaeus, 1758, placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology in Opinion 908;
 - (b) *Lilioceris* Reitter, 1912 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Chûjô (1951) *Attelabus lili* Scopoli, 1763, placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology in Opinion 908.

History of Case 3072

An application to fix the gender as feminine for the names of two economically important genera of beetles, *Crioceris* Geoffroy, 1762 and *Lilioceris* Reitter, 1912, and other genus-group names with the suffix *-ceris* in the family CHRYSOMELIDAE was received from Michael Schmitt (*Zoologisches Forschungsinstitut und Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn, Germany*) on 17 October 1997. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 62: 72–74 (June 2005). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 January 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 62: 73. At the close of the voting period on 1 April 2006 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes: – 19: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

Negative votes: – none.

No votes were received from Ng and Song.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names on an Official List emended by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Crioceris Geoffroy, 1762, *Histoire abrégée des insectes qui se trouvent aux environs de Paris*, vol. 1, p. 237.

Lilioceris Reitter, 1912, *Fauna Germanica*, 4: 79.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Attelabus lili* Scopoli, 1763 as the type species of the nominal genus *Lilioceris* Reitter, 1912:

Chûjô, M. 1951. *Kagawa Agricultural College, Technical Bulletin*, 2(2): 80.